

CT-318

CHANEY SCHOOL

(c. 1880)

Chaney

Private

Among the most altered former one-room schoolhouses in Calvert County, the building is identifiable as a school because of the basic massing of the main block and its appearance on historic maps. The most obvious alterations include replacement of windows, construction of additions, and sheathing in modern materials. Because of these changes, the building lacks the necessary architectural integrity to be significant.

**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

**Chaney School (CT-318)**

**a) Historical Period Theme: Social/Education/Cultural**

**b) Geographic Organization: Western Shore**

**c) Chronological/Developmental Period:**

**Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930**

**d) Resource Type:**

**Category: building**

**Historic Environment: rural**

**Historic Function(s) and Use(s): school**

**Known Design Source: none**

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CT-318

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

### 1. Name

historic Chaney School

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number west side, Brickhouse Road, south of Chaney Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Chaney

☐ vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Calvert

### 3. Classification

Category

☐ district

☒ building(s)

☐ structure

☐ site

☐ object

Ownership

☐ public

☒ private

☐ both

Public Acquisition

☐ in process

☐ being considered

☐ not applicable

Status

☒ occupied

☐ unoccupied

☐ work in progress

Accessible

☐ yes: restricted

☐ yes: unrestricted

☒ no

Present Use

☐ agriculture

☐ commercial

☐ educational

☐ entertainment

☐ government

☐ industrial

☐ military

☐ museum

☐ park

☒ private residence

☐ religious

☐ scientific

☐ transportation

☐ other:

### 4. Owner of Property

name William H. Hardesty

street & number

telephone no.: unlisted

city, town Dunkirk

state and zip code MD 20754

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Circuit Court Clerk's Office

liber JLB 192

street & number 175 Main Street

folio 78

city, town Prince Frederick

state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Calvert County Historic Sites Survey

date December 1980

☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville

state MD

## 7. Description

Survey No. CT-318

### Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

### Check one

☐ original site

☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

The Chaney School is located on a relatively flat tree-shaded lot at the bend of Brickhouse Road south of Chaney Road. Surrounding land use is residential and agricultural.

Originally a one-room schoolhouse similar to many others built in Calvert County, the Chaney School has been extensively altered in its conversion to a residence. Few obvious exterior elements of the original school building remain. According to the present tenant, the building sustained a fire after its conversion to a house, and some of these changes may date to post-fire remodeling.

In its original form, the Chaney School was most likely a gable-fronted, single story, wood-framed building. Recent alterations have included the relocation of the door to the east elevation, the construction of a porch across the east elevation, and the construction of two additions to the south end of the original block. All windows appear to be modern replacements. The east facade of the original block is fenestrated with two pairs of eight over eight, double hung, sash windows flanked by ornamental shutters. The front door to the house is placed in the north bay of the east elevation. A shed-roofed, four bay porch runs the length of the east wall of the main block. This porch has a concrete slab floor laid atop a rock-faced concrete block foundation. A second floor, placed in the north wall of a south addition, adjoins the south end of the porch.

The end and rear wall of the north block are fenestrated with one over one, double hung, vinyl replacement windows. The foundation walls of the north block are constructed of rock-faced concrete block, the walls are sheathed in vinyl siding, the original soffits have been replaced by vinyl soffits, and the roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A square chimney projects from the roof ridge near the north end of the block.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. CT-318

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1880

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
 and/or  
 Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
 Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Because of the lack of extant early deeds in the Calvert County records, the exact construction date of the Chaney School is uncertain, although similarity in massing to other schools suggests that it was erected about 1880. The last teacher in this white one-room school was Elvin Howard. She recalled in an interview that the school closed in 1932.

The earliest recorded deed involving the school property was filed in 1969. In that year, the Board of Education of Calvert County sold an acre of land containing the building formerly known as the Chaney School to Charles A. and Frances Walton for \$10 and other valuable considerations (JLB 111:384, June 30, 1969). In 1970, the Waltons sold the school parcel, then measured at .761 acre, to Robert L. and Anne M. Jellison for \$10 and other valuable considerations (JLB 119:331, May 7, 1970).

The Jellisons defaulted on obligations concerning the property, and in 1976, Adrian L. Joy, sheriff of Calvert County, sold the property to William H. Hardesty, its present owner, for \$35,000 (JLB 192:78, March 8, 1976). Hardesty may have been responsible for most alterations to the building. It is presently used as a rental residence.

The Chaney School is among the most altered examples of a one-room school in Calvert County. These alterations include replacement of windows, reorientation of the building, construction of major additions, installation of a porch, sheathing in modern siding materials, and replacement of soffits. According to the tenant, the interior retains a higher level of integrity. The interior was not viewed. Because of the level of alterations, the school lacks sufficient integrity to be significant as exemplifying the history of education in Calvert County.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CT-318

Calvert County Deeds. Calvert County Circuit Court Clerk's Office. Prince Frederick, MD.

Howard, Elvin. Interview. Solomons, Maryland. May 1998.

Stinson, Merry. Chaney School. MHT Inventory Form CT-318. December 1980.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Map 3, parcel 168. This land, roughly corresponding to the historic schoolhouse plot, represents the parcel to which the present owner holds title.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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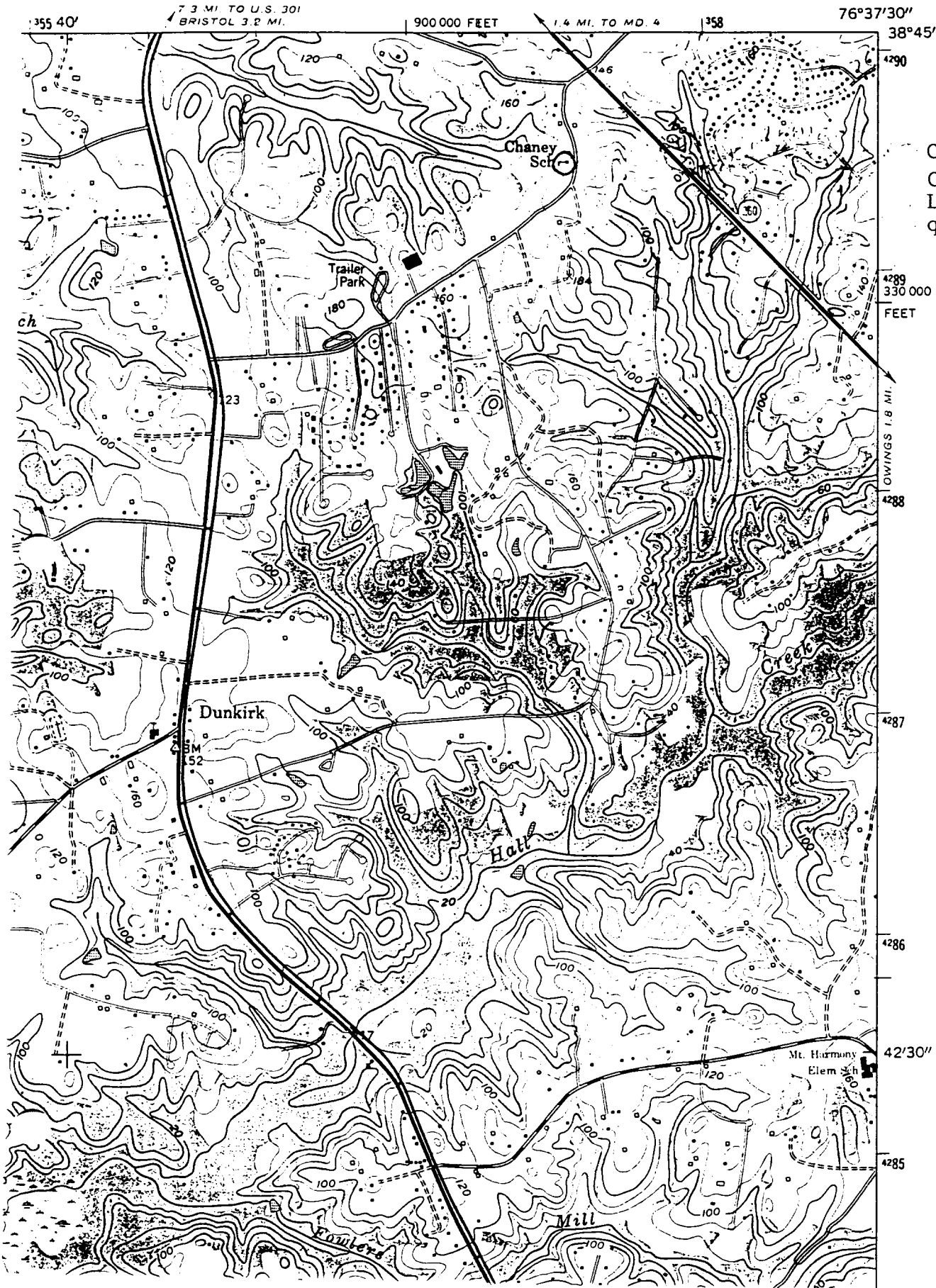
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LOWER MARLBORO QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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(DEALE)



## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Chaney School

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Brick House Road

CITY, TOWN

Chaney

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☒ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Robert L. Jellison

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Calvert County

Liber #: JLB 119

Folio #: 331

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 765

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

MD

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE



**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Late 19th Century

Once the Chaney School, this building has been converted into an attractive home. The tall one-story frame building measures three bays long by two deep. A porch covers the east elevation. A modern addition joins the south gable end. A stove flue heats the north gable end.

Modern materials were used in the remodeling of this building.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although many of the original materials and finishes are gone from this building, its original form is still apparent, declaring it to be a school. This is one of a few such old schools remaining in Calvert County, and practical renovation along with careful upkeep insure its continued survival.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey

DATE

December, 1980

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Rt. 5 Box 154

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Leitersburg

STATE

MD 21740

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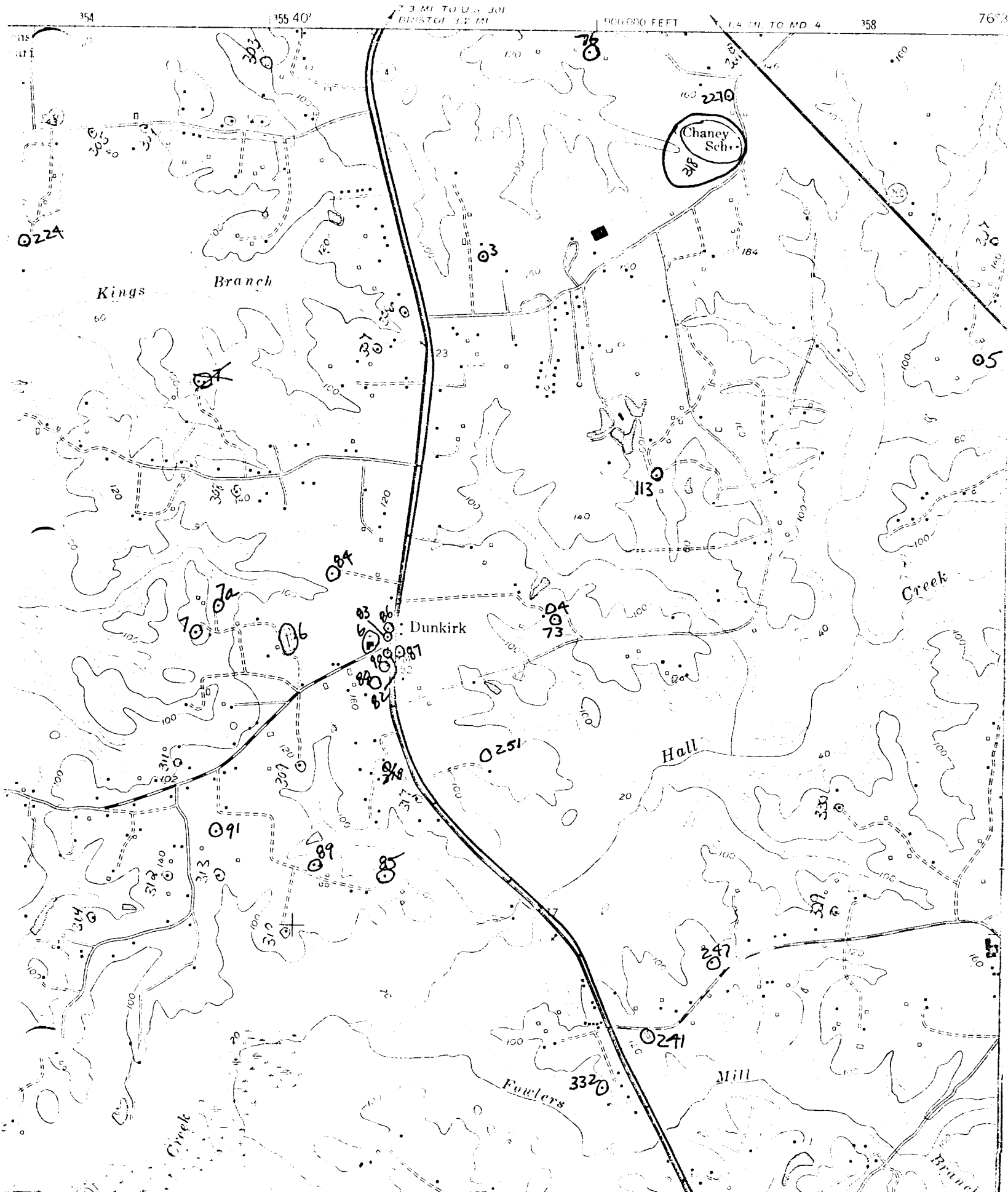
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Brick House Road, Chaney  
N&E elevations

Calvert County  
Maryland Historical Trust  
Merry Stinson 1980

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Chancy School

Calvert, Maryland

Douglas McVinish

March 1998

Maryland SHPC

East facade south elevation, toward NW

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Chaney School

Calvert Maryland

Douglas M. Varian

March 1978

Maryland SHPO

East facade & north elevation, toward SW

213



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